

SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

6/10/71

SA [REDACTED] #331

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MORTON SOBELL  
ESP - R

Captioned subject was released from Federal Prison in 2/69, after having served 18 years of a 30 year sentence for conspiracy to commit espionage, (Rosenberg Case).

Since his release from prison, subject has been engaged in writing a book. Information obtained concerning the book reflects that subject signed a contract with Charles Scribner's Sons, NYC, for publication of the book. Subject is to receive \$21,000 plus 15% of proceeds on all copies sold over 7500. He received a \$7,000 advance from the publisher.

Information obtained by sources from the subject reflects that the above book is to be mostly an autobiography, but will also cover the work of the Committee To Free Morton Sobell, and some of the political aspects of the Rosenberg case. Subject has engaged a Literary Agent by the name of LYNN NESBITT.

The most recent information available from the subject concerning the status of the book, is that he has completed his writing, but the publisher believes it is too long, and he is now in the process of shortening his first draft. Date of probable publication is not known.

The Bureau has requested the NYO to attempt to obtain a prepublication of subject's book, and pointed out that in the past the Bureau has cooperated with the above concern in furnishing data for various books published by the Scribner firm.

LEAD FOR SECTION 12

Will through sources at the above firm, or through other sources in the publishing field, make suitable arrangements for the NYO to obtain a copy of the ~~above~~ book prior to publication.

1- Section 12

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## VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARDS

MEMORANDUM RE: MORTON SOBELLOffice File NY 100-37158

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 626 Riverside Drive, NYC.  
Summer Residence - Horton Road, Cold Spring,  
 Employment: Putnam County, NY.  
 Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Defense Facility ☐ Yes ☐ NoDetcom ☐ Yes ☐ NoKey Facility ☐ Yes ☐ NoPhoto ☒ Yes ☐ No*Priority III*

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and [redacted] should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a [redacted]

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial \_\_\_\_\_

Residence:

Permanent Residence - Same

Method of Verification:

Summer Residence - Shrub Oak, N.Y.

Neighborhood Source:

Date:

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Verified by SA:

Employment:

Address:

NONE *B7C*

Labor Union Affiliation:

Date Checked

Geographical Reference Number

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☐ NoDefense Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ NoTab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

Photograph on SI card is most current or best likeness of subject: ☒ Yes ☐ NoFD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☒ Yes ☐ NoA letterhead memorandum should be submitted to the Bureau and Secret Service: ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed

6/23/71☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria☐ Does not Meet SI Criteria

Agent's Initials

Date

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

DATE: 6/23/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #331

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SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL  
ESP - R

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In regard to the book he is writing, subject advised that he has completed his writing, and has ended up with a document which is about 600,000 words. The publisher has advised that this is too long, and they desire something in the area of 200,000 words. Subject advised that he is now in the process of reducing his original draft. Subject stated that as it looks now, he will probably not submit the final version until sometime in the fall, and the earliest the book will be published will now probably be the spring of 1972.

Subject and his wife are considering a vacation trip to California for three weeks sometime during the summer. He has no definite date for this [REDACTED] b7c

b7c Subject advised that the summer home he has been building [REDACTED] at Shrub Oak, NY, is now liveable, although he still has a lot of work to do before it is completed. He said the local building inspector has given him considerable trouble regarding building codes, the septic system, etc.

[REDACTED] advised that he has heard nothing from the Parole Board, WDC, regarding their interpretation of the civil suit recently won by the subject against the Parole Board. He stated that until he learns differently, he assumes the subject still has to advise the Board of intended travel outside of NYC, but that authority to [REDACTED] b7c

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1- 100-109349 (HELEN SOBELL)(42)

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actually travel cannot be denied by the Board, except in the most unusual instances. He stated that as a practical matter it appears that the subject can travel just about as he desires, but he still must advise the extent and nature of his travel. [REDACTED] said if he learned anything additional concerning this, he would advise this office.

[REDACTED] advised that subject and his wife continue to maintain their normal residence at 626 Riverside Drive, NYC.

It is noted that the SI cards for subject and his wife list his summer residence as Horton Road, Cold Spring, NY, which is a home which subject rented last year. FD-122 should be submitted reflecting a change in the summer residence of subject and his wife to Shrub Oak, NY.

The above is submitted for information and appropriate action.

*According to The Poughkeepsie  
R.A., subject's summer residence  
is located at BAGER and CROSS  
Streets, Shrub Oak, N.Y.*

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# Paroled spy wins the right to speak out

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge revised parole terms yesterday for convicted spy Morton Sobell, 54, to permit him to speak or march in mass demonstrations.

Sobell, imprisoned 18 years

on charges of spying for the Soviet Union, sought the court ruling after probation officials denied him permission to speak in Los Angeles and to attend two antiwar rallies in Washington.

Federal Judge Marvin E. Frankel ruled that New York's Parole Board had wrongly denied Sobell the right to free speech and assembly out of a "naive and chimerical fear" that he

might resume "his subversive work."

"If he desires to carry on espionage in Los Angeles, he could easily give a reason for travel of which the board would approve," said

Frankel. "It is, indeed, silly."

Sobell, who was released from federal prison in January 1969, had been allowed by parole officials to appear on television in Philadelphia and Cleveland and to speak at the Massachusetts Institute

of Technology.

In Los Angeles, he was asked to speak on prison conditions at a dinner sponsored by "People's World," but was denied permission apparently because the group was "closely identified with the

Communist Party," the judge said.

Frankel ordered that Sobell be allowed to "speak, assemble and otherwise express his views" except in cases where the parole board can "concretely describe" likely

dangers of misconduct.

Sobell was convicted of spying six years for the Soviet Union to obtain U.S. atomic secrets and was sentenced to 30 years in prison in 1951. Released for good behavior, his probation runs until 1980.

*attached news article  
appeared in Newark Star-Ledger, 5/21/71.*

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)(P)

MORTON SOBELL  
ESP - R  
(OO:NY)

On 8/6/71, [REDACTED] (whose identity should be protected) advised that captioned subject has requested permission of the US Board of Parole, to travel from NYC to San Francisco on 8/19/71. Subject indicated he will travel by air, and will be accompanied by his wife, HELEN SOBELL. He indicated that while visiting SF, he will stay at the home of Mrs. SYLVIA STEINGART, 725 Ashbury, San Francisco. b7D

Subject indicated that following the above visit, (no departure date given) he would travel to Los Angeles, California, where he would stay at the home of GEORGE BELL, 805 South Genessee Street, Los Angeles. Subject also indicated that he has a speaking engagement scheduled at the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, on 9/5/71, (name of organization not given). Subject plans to return to NYC via air on 9/9/71.

[REDACTED] advised that the above request for travel had not yet been approved by the US Board of Parole, but he expects it will be approved routinely in view of the fact that subject recently won a court decision in USDC, in a civil suit against the Board of Parole for restricting his travel.

The above information is being furnished to the SF and LA Offices for information only.

Active investigation of subject is not desired, however, any information received concerning subject through normal informant coverage should be made available to the NYO.

2-San Francisco (Info.) (RM)

(1- [REDACTED])  
2-Los Angeles (Info.) (RM)

(1-New York  
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9/9/71

SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158) (P)

MORTON SOBELL  
ESP - R  
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYlet to San Francisco, dated 8/9/71.

On 9/3/71, [REDACTED] (whose identity should be protected) advised that subject had requested authority to travel to California on 10/15/71 for a two day speaking engagement.

Subject indicated that he would travel from NYC to San Francisco on 10/15/71. He indicated that on 10/16/71 he would speak at an affair sponsored by the "People's World" to be held at the Glide Memorial Church, Mason and Ellis Streets, San Francisco.

Subject advised that on 10/17/71 he would speak at the Annual Banquet of the "People's World", to be held at the Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, California.

[REDACTED] advised that since the decision rendered in USDC, SDNY, on 5/20/71 in subject's suit against the US Board of Parole, the Parole Board was unable to prevent subject from appearing at such affairs. In the above mentioned case, USDJ MARVIN E. FRANKEL ruled in favor of subject stating that the PB retained authority to supervise subject's activity, but could not prevent subject from speaking, assembling, or otherwise expressing his views, unless the Board could show in writing in a specific case that travel restriction was necessary to safeguard against specific, concretely described, and highly likely dangers of misconduct on the part of subject.

The above is furnished to SF and LA for information. No active investigation of subject is desired in connection with the above travel.

- 1 - San Francisco (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - New York

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

DATE:

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: "PEOPLE'S WORLD"  
IS - C [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

The PW is a West Coast Communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

DATE: 9/23/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #331

B7C

SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL  
IS - R

On 9/22/71, the following information was  
furnished to the writer [REDACTED] B7D

Source advised that for the first time since  
his release from prison, the subject has obtained  
employment.

As of 9/13/71, subject is now employed by  
the firm Electronics For Medicine, Inc., 30 Virginia  
Road, White Plains, NY. The telephone number of the  
firm is 914-946-1187, and subject can be reached at  
extension 79.

FD 122 is being prepared to reflect the above  
on the SI card of subject.

Source advised that the previously requested  
authority by the subject to travel to California during  
the weekend of 10/15-17/71 has been approved by the  
Parole Board in Washington, DC. Information concerning  
this travel has previously been furnished to the LA  
and SF Offices for information.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-37158)

DATE: 9/27/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #331

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SUBJECT: MORTON SOBELL  
ESP - R

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On 9/23/71, the records of [REDACTED] were made available to SC [REDACTED]. Source advised that the records of that agency failed to reflect any information concerning the firm Electronics For Medicine, INC., 30 Virginia Road, White Plains, NY.

It is noted that captioned subject recently accepted employment with the above mentioned firm.

The above is being recorded in subject's file for information.

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SAC (100-163465)

10/6/71

SA [REDACTED] (A42)

STAG - CU  
NYC  
IS - NEW LEFT SLIP (S) [REDACTED]

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING

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B7D

DATE 12/12/77

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On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), advised that the Morningside Tenants Committee, which had been picketing Columbia University (CU) at 121st Street and Amsterdam Avenue in the vicinity of the proposed site of a new School of Pharmacy, had continued its picketing on 10/4/71, from 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM. Approximately 20 to 25 pickets appeared, mostly white, but there were three or four Negroes in the group. [REDACTED]

B7D

Source furnished a three page leaflet entitled, "1199 Newsletter", Volume 1, Number 1, dated August, 1971. It was indicated that this newsletter was published by Local 1199 at CU and Teachers College at CU. The newsletter contained an article entitled, "Right to Organize Reaffirmed", by FRED HUSK and HELEN SOBELL described as "computer programmer, both members of the Teachers College Organizing Committee for the 1199 Guild". Source advised that SOBELL resides at 626 Riverside Drive and source verified employment of SOBELL as a computer programmer at Teachers College. Source stated that he has been unable to determine, as of this date, whether SOBELL is attending Teachers College as a student. [REDACTED]

B7D

The 1199 Newsletter is being made an exhibit in captioned case file for information purposes. Source noted that despite the fact the newsletter was dated August, 1971, it was noted distributed at CU until the end of September, 1971.

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11-9-77

100-109849 (HELEN SOBELL) (44)  
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Source stated that the organization BRAT is completely unknown to him.

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this serial would identify an informant to  
whom an expressed promise of confidentiality  
has been given. This information includes  
dates and places of meetings which were  
attended by a limited number of people known  
to the informant and/or information from these  
meetings and situations in which an informant  
was in close contact with members of these  
organizations, disclosure of which would reveal  
his identity.

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Date received

9-13-71

Received from (name or symbol number)

[REDACTED] B7D

Received by

S'A [REDACTED]

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☐ in person

☐ by telephone

☒ by mail

☐ orally

☐ recording device

☒ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

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by Informant

Date of Report

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Date(s) of activity

9-5-71

Brief description of activity or material

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of L.A. - HELEN + MORTON SOBELL  
APPEARANCE AS SPEAKERS

File where original is located if not attached

[REDACTED] B7D

\* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.  
VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

☐ Information recorded on a card index by \_\_\_\_\_ on date \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

2 - NEW YORK (REGISTERED)  
(100-109849) (HELEN SOBELL)  
( ) (MORTON SOBELL)

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DATE 9-17-71

CC: 100-33973 (FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LA)

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100-49599 (JEWISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB)

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WAR PROTESTORS LEAGUE  
HARDYMAN CENTER

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Meeting attended Sun. Sept. 5th '71 11:05AM written  
at 2936 W. 8th St., Los Angeles, Calif. 9-6-71  
Morning Service at 1st Unitarian Church  
"CONTEMPORARY COMMITMENT" speakers: No admission was  
HELEN & MORTON SOBELL charged.

Number of persons attending:--No number was announced. The  
main floor of the auditorium was about 7/8 filled.

Someone spoke enthusiastically of the number of persons  
attending--saying that it was the biggest meeting in---  
----- in six months

Money collected:---No sum was announced. It was stated that it  
was needed to carry on the work of church.  
The envelope for contributions was used by

Announcements:--Rev. Peter Christiansen announced:-- most people  
"Next Sun. Sept. 12th '71-at 11:00am a "MEMORIAL SERVICE  
for GEORGE JACKSON and a TRIBUTE TO THE SOLIDAD BROS."  
would be held(at that same auditorium).

Next Wed. (Sept. 8th '71) Councilman BRADLEY would (L.A.  
introduce a motion at the meeting of the CITY COUNCIL  
to WITHDRAW ALL U.S. FORCES from VIETNAM by DEC. 31st '71.  
(or words to that effect). It would be a good idea for  
everyone to attend.

Copies of his (CHRISTIANSEN'S) talk "THE SUPER COPS:  
THE F.B.I. vs THE AFRICAN PEOPLE"---had been printed  
and were on sale following the meeting, in the lobby.  
(There were no copies in the lobby. All literature was  
on sale in the room where the COFFEE HOUR was held.)

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Meeting attended 9-5-71 at 2936 W.8thL.A.  
H & M SOBELL 1st Unitarian Church

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Persons attending who were recognized and/or introduced:---

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[REDACTED]

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If you live in ECHO PARK HIGHLAND PARK, LINCOLN HEIGHTS, SILVER LAKE, EL SERANO, W. ALHAMBRA  
-----JOHN BLAINE---48 AD-----  
campaign headquarters---5214 Montevista, Highland Park  
She was also soliciting campaign contributions.  
She wore a PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY button.

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Meeting attended 9-5-71  
at 2936 W. 8th St., L.A.  
MORTON & HELEN SOBELL

written 9-8-71 (5)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] "THERE WILL BE DANCING IN THE STREETS  
WHEN ANGELA IS FREE".--

It was suggested that it might be some time before that would take place.

[REDACTED] did not agree, indicating it would be soon.

Another doubt was expressed as to such a success.

[REDACTED] stated that "WE ALWAYS GET WHAT WE GO AFTER".

It was remarked that things must be proceeding on schedule.

[REDACTED] replied in the affirmative.

[REDACTED] was enjoying the success of the release of MORTON SOBELL and was evidently elated at the impending FREEDOM of ANGELA DAVIS. ("IMPENDING" according to her views.)

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100-37158-2818

Meeting attended 9-5-71  
at 2936 W. 8th, L.A.  
HELEN & MORTON SOBELL

written 9-8-71

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REV. PETER H. CHRISTIANSEN made statements as follows, in substance:---

Going back to the MC CARTHY FRA there were four persons who were the victims of the blind unreasoning hate which had been whipped up by unscrupulous politicians and bigots who used the hysteria of those times as a means of self advancement.

This narrow virulent hate (was explained full in the book by the SCHNEFERS (Invitation to an inquest.)--was vented vengefully on those 4.--~~TWO OTHERS WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING.~~

Attempts had been made to force them to sign statements which were absolutely false, and to falsify evidence which would have incriminated others who were innocent. They did NOT do those things and as a result they UPHELD their HIGH MORAL CONVICTIONS gloriously to the great benefit of all.

TWO of those persons were with us today. (HELEN SOBELL was then introduced:--

HELEN SOBELL made statements as follows, in substance:--

She and MORTON SOBELL, although they had been separated for so many years, had been fighting the same fight in different ways, for truth, justice and to clear the names of the rosenbergs.----

(Dramatic emphasis was given to the following:----  
The (recent) DEATHS at SAN QUENTIN were the direct responsibility of the administration. (Whether state, federal or both was not stated). They were responsible for the safety and well being of the prisoners in their custody,--- prisoners who were confined against their will. These prisoners were killed as a result of that custody which had been forced on them by the "establishment" which was represented by the "administration."

HELEN (or could have been MORTON or CHRISTIANSEN) then read statements written by the ROSENBERGS just before execution.

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HFLFN & MORTON SOBELL

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MORTON SOBELL made statements as follows, in substance:

He had lived first in NYC & later in WASH.D.C. and in various parts of SOUTHERN USA. Back in the 30s he thought he had been educated in a thoroughly liberal manner--with no trace of bigotry, but finally when he served his term in FEDERAL PRISONS he found out how it felt to be a negro,

He had been brought up with the belief that the courts were dispensing justice but he found that in the SOUTH they were instruments of oppression. The negroes in the SOUTH were in exactly the same position as the JWS were under HITLER, in GERMANY. Can you imagine what it was like to be a NEGRO when a LYNCHING was TAKING PLACE?

In the FEDERAL PRISONS where he served time, starting in the 50s, there was complete segregation. If he started to sit down to eat with a negro, the guard would direct him over to the table with other whites.

You did NOT look aguard directly in the face.--THAT was considered to be insolent. It might result in being thrown in "the hole" and privileges being taken away. You addressed the guard respectfully as "SIR" but he did NOT call you "SIR".

He (SOBELL) had been in the FEDERAL PRISON at ATLANTA. At that prison the WARDEN was a SOUTHERNER. In fact ALL the WARDENS in ALL the prisons he had been in had been SOUTHERNERS.

The entire PRISON SYSTEM including all guards, wardens, governing boards, parole boards etc. was a COMPLETELY CLOSED SYSTEM. While he was in prison all incidents which occurred, such as GOON SQUADS beating PRISONERS to DEATH, or PRISONERS having been SHOT to DEATH by GUARDS,----were "INVESTIGATED" by the PRISON OFFICIALS THEMSELVES. NO ONE was FIRED.---NO ONE was CENSURED. NO INFORMATION was RELEASED.

The PAROLE SYSTEM was similarly a "CLOSED SYSTEM". The prisoner appeared before the parole board and was asked questions. Nothing was heard about this interview for 3 months and then the parole was either granted or denied.

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MORTON SOBELL made statements in substance----CONTINUED----

No reasons were given. Questions asked by the prisoner were considered to be prejudicial against the prisoner's release.

The MEMBERS OF THE PAROLE BOARD were members of the PRISON SYSTEM. They were considered to be experts in their field and therefore AUTHORITIES. NO OUTSIDER had ANYTHING to say about these matters. It was all HANDLED WITHIN the SYSTEM.

This HAD to be CHANGED. It was NECESSARY to have a GROUP of CITIZENS continuously looking into the operations of the PRISONS, and investigating murders and such incidents.

This was equally true of the PAROLE SYSTEM. That TOO MUST BE CONTROLLED by CITIZENS. Appeals MUST BE HEARD and the REASONS for the REFUSAL of PAROLE MUST BE GIVEN. At present there is NO APPEAL and NO REASONS ARE GIVEN.

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The speaker's table was a long row of tables, and to end, along one side of the hall.

The first speaker, Margaret Burnham, one of Angela Davis Defense attorneys.

Burnham made a speech, speaking of her and Angela Davis younger days, in the South. Of the ( in effect ) discrimination against the Blacks, of the young children being disturbed by the bombings ( of Black's homes or property ), etc. Of the worsening condition of Angela Davis, eye trouble, because of need for long vision, which is impossible in cell, of Davis' loss of weight and also trouble with varicose veins, etc. Margaret Burnham several times referred to the big lie of the system.

The next speaker, Earl Hunter, president of the United Prisoners Union.

Hunter spoke of the prisoners position ( in U.S.A. ), their sad plight under the system, etc.

Some entertainment ( ? ) by a singer - guitar player, - Chandler. With some skits, about the tiger ( Black prisoners or Blacks in general ) now flexing their muscles and no longer ready to lay down side by side with the lamb.

Frank Wilkinson made a speech. He spoke with considerable emotion. Attacking the system, with emphasis against the two decades since the MacArthur period of the cold war, in which time the youth of the Nation has been deprived of the teachings of Marx, Engels and Lenin, of the part that the F.B.I. and Hoover have had in this depriving of the students and the youth of learning of Socialism. Of the now ( in effect ) poor position of the Communist Party. The Party that is needed to right the wrongs of the system, etc. Wilkinson spoke of the work against the H.U.A.C. and the success gained against the Government concentration camps. Of the three million names on the lists or dossiers ( of the F.B.I. ). Wilkinson held up a book, ( not sure what it was ) saying that the book is almost completely full of names.

Several times during Wilkinson's speech there were bursts of applause.

At conclusion of his speech, Wilkinson made the pitch for the People's World. ( Collection ).

Reverend Peter Christiansen arrived with his wife and child and Madeleineborough and the group proceeded to the head table or one of the tables bordering it.

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The collection in the usual form as at these large gatherings.

First, the large donations, brought to the stage or speaker's table, and announced by the collection speaker.

The first sum announced, \$1,500.00. from Dora Pike.

Applause. ( Dora Pike probably not present. Very old. Sends in donation )  
\$500.00. from Rosa Hill.

Then quite a number of lesser but considerable sums.

\$100.00. from Madeleine Borough.

Other sums of \$100.00. some of \$200.00.

and a flood of \$50.00. and \$20.00.

Some of other names announced, Sophie Davidson, Leonard Haimowitz, Anna Mandelman, etc.

The collection continued, the collectors, wandered about the room with their collection baskets, and then took them to the stage, to be added to the larger earlier donations that they had brought forward.

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After the collection the main speaker of the evening, Morton Sobell, made his speech.

His speech was a criticism of the lot of the prisoners ( in U.S.A. prisons ). Of the hopelessness for prisoners like George Jackson, who, time after time, come forward for parole, have been good prisoners, but always answer by parole board, come back in another year, in two years. Till these prisoners are desperate and do what they do.

In his own case, he knew that he would be free in about twenty years, but for such as George Jackson, it was ( in effect ) hopeless. etc.

The meeting over at about 5.00. p.m.

The result of the collection announced. \$8,093.00. ( some applause. )

The banquet hall was not completely full, but most seats taken.

There were about 800 - 900 persons present.

Mostly elderly. ( 55 years old and over. )

Abraham Galinsky and Frank Gibson had new Soviet Life magazines for sale, issue. July, 1971. Special article on Jews in the Soviet. 25 cents a copy. ( For benefit of Association for Friendship and Cultural Relations, U.S.A. - U.S.S.R. 1154 North Western Ave. L.A. Gibson and Galinsky members of the Association.




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Los Angeles, Oct. 25, 71.

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On Oct. 17, 1971 the Annual People's World Banquet was held at 1 P.M. at the Miramar Hotel, at Wilshire Blvd & Ocean Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.

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About 500 people attended the dinner.

Don Wheeldin, chairman of the affair announced that \$ 10,000.00 was collected.

Don Wheeldin introduced Margaret Burnham; Margaret Burnham, attorney for Angela Davis stated that Angela Davis is in poor health, that she, Angela Davis has a 9 ' by 13' cell, that Angela Davis's diet is poor, and that her eye sight is impaired, that she, Angela Davis does not get adequate medical care, that while her, Angela Davis's cell is air conditioned, and large, she does not get enough exercise.

Frank Wilkinson made an appeal for money .

Earl Hunter, president of the National Prisoners Union Spoke. Earl Hunter stated that unless the prisons are reformed there will be more prison riots in the future.

Morton Sobell was the main speaker. Morton Sobell spoke of the years, He, Morton Sobell spent in prison. Morton Sobell stated that the prisoners are told by the Wardens what their work will be & what their study & treatments will be, & if the prisoners disagree, they are reported as unfit for release, therefore denied parole, that the present prison system does not reform people, that prisoners who get hearings before the parole board and are denied parole year after year and never learn the reason why parole is denied then get very desperate, that attorneys should be able to attend ~~and defend~~ parole board hearings and defend the prisoners.

The dinner ended about 5 P.M.

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[REDACTED] advised the writer that based upon comments made by the subject, subject is very pleased with his position at Electronics For Medicine, Inc. According to the subject, this firm is engaged in doing research and development in the field of adapting electronics to the field of medicine in the development of various body monitoring and detecting devices. Subject has indicated that he has long had an interest in electronics, and his present position is exactly the field in which he sought employment.

It is noted that since his release from prison, subject has taken a number of electronics courses at Columbia University.

As previously reported, subject is presently employed by the firm Electronics For Medicine, Inc., 30 Virginia Road, White Plains, NY. The records of [REDACTED] have been reviewed and fail to reflect any information concerning this firm.

A review of Standard and Poore's Directory of Corporations fails to contain any information regarding the above firm. It is noted that the above firm is listed in the Westchester Yellow Pages as a electronics research and development firm.

Indices of the NYO fail to reflect any previous information concerning the above mentioned firm.

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